# **Fact Sheet**



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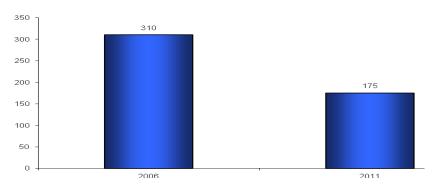
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## **Cecil County**

### Working to reduce violent crime in Maryland

Governor O'Malley's primary concern for the State of Maryland is to provide safety for its citizens. To date, Maryland has the lowest homicide and violent crime rates ever reported in the state. However, the real story can be told at the local level where the difficult work of addressing violent crime and supporting victims is done every day. Over the last 5 years, through unprecedented federal, state, and local law enforcement collaboration, Cecil County has seen a significant reduction in motor vehicle thefts (-43.5%).

#### Cecil County Motor Vehicle Theft Trends 2006 - 2011



### **CECIL COUNTY MAKES AN IMPACT:**

Now more than ever before, crime reduction depends on federal, state, and local collaboration. Real-time information sharing, more effective crime analysis, new technology, the strategic targeting of violent offenders, and improved community resources all contributed to Cecil County's success.

Governor O'Malley's Office of Crime Control and Prevention is currently funding 17 grants in Cecil County totaling \$717,834. As a result, Cecil County has been able to implement successful crime fighting strategies such as:

- Neighborhood Youth Panel The Cecil County Neighborhood Youth Panel is a diversion program that gives first time juvenile misdemeanor offenders in Elkton and North East the option of appearing before a panel of community volunteers rather than entering the juvenile court system. The program provides administration, recruitment, and training for community volunteers who serve as panelists and mentors, provide compliance monitoring for sanctions, and if necessary, provide reparation to victims.
- Sex Offender Monitoring The Cecil County Sheriff's Office Monitoring Support/Outreach program tracks the compliance of local sex offenders who are required to register/re-register with the Maryland Sex Offender Registry. The program provides community education programs to daycare operators, civic and fraternal organizations, and school based parent-teacher associations.

#### **Key Initiatives**

- Heightened Supervision of Violent Offenders
- Compstat on Demand
- Crime Analysis
- Crime Mapping
- E-TIX
- Law
   Enforcement
   Technology
- Domestic
   Violence Crisis &
   Support Services
- Family Violence Coordinating Council
- Neighborhood Youth Panel
- Rape Crisis Intervention Services
- Sex Offender Monitoring

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#### **CECIL COUNTY MAKES AN IMPACT:**

- Family Violence Coordinating Council The Cecil County Family Violence Coordinating Council brings a collective approach toward combating family violence. A Coordinator/Court Watch Supervisor manages this comprehensive program by supervising the court watch volunteers, assisting in building interagency collaboration, overseeing a lethality assessment program, developing the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board, and collaborating with the Assault Response Team.
- ➤ Domestic Violence Crisis & Support Services The Cecil County Board of County Commissioners' Domestic Violence Crisis & Support Services program provides temporary shelter, individual, group, and crisis counseling, case management, hotline services, legal services, court and hospital accompaniment, transitional housing, children's services, information and referral, education, advocacy, and outreach to domestic violence victims.

The County Board of Commissioners also employs a domestic violence victim advocate who works with an investigator form the State's Attorney's Office to locate and assist domestic violence victims, provides support, advocacy, court accompaniment and preparation, and refers them to the comprehensive services.

Rape Crisis Intervention Services - The Cecil County Board of County Commissioners' Rape Crisis Intervention Services program provides short term crisis intervention services to primary and secondary victims of rape, sexual assault, and incest.



"Cecil County has focused its law enforcement efforts on families and young people, and that pays dividends now. and in the future. When family members feel safe and secure in their homes, their communities grow stronger. In protecting and guiding young people today, the county makes sure that they will grow up to lead productive and positive lives in the years ahead."

Governor Martin
O'Malley